

The rejection of Claim 22 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully traversed. As used in the application, "single continuous structure" is intended to refer to a structure that is not assembled from multiple separate pieces. This is explained in the specification at p. 4, ll. 16 - 18, and is believed to be a common meaning for the term. *See* MPEP 2111.01.

The rejection of Claim 24 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 is moot in view of the cancellation of that claim.

The limitations of Claims 16 and 26 have been incorporated respectively into independent Claims 15 and 25. Since Claims 16 and 26 were identified as containing allowable subject matter, it is believed that all independent claims are now allowable. The allowability of the remaining claims ensues from their dependence from one of the independent claims.

An Appendix is provided in which the changes to the claims are highlighted by underlining added material and enclosing deleted material in square brackets.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The changes made to the claims by the foregoing Amendment are highlighted below by underlining added material and enclosing deleted material in square brackets.

Claims 1, 14, 16, 24, and 26 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claims 15, 17, and 25 have been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) An article comprising:
a structural body having a plurality of stations, each such station being adapted to secure a microelectromechanical-systems (MEMS) die;
a recess within the structural body shaped to secure an edge of the MEMS die; and
a flexible retaining arm adapted to retain the MEMS die within the recess.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Amended) The article recited in claim [16] 15 wherein the flexible retaining arm includes a notch shaped for engagement with a tool for flexing the flexible retaining arm.

18. (As Filed) The article recited in claim 15 wherein each such station includes an access to an underside of the MEMS die.

20. (As Filed) The article recited in claim 18 wherein the access comprises a slot in the structural body.

21. (As Filed) The article recited in claim 15 wherein the structural body is circularly symmetric and the plurality of stations are configured symmetrically about a central axis of the structural body.

22. (As Filed) The article recited in claim 15 wherein the article is formed as a single continuous structure.

23. (As Filed) The article recited in claim 22 wherein the article is formed of a fluoropolymer resin.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Amended) An article comprising:
a structural body having a plurality of means for securing a microelectromechanical-systems (MEMS) die, wherein each such means for securing includes a flexible means for retaining the MEMS die within a recess in the structural body.

26. (Canceled).

27. (As Filed) The article recited in claim 25 wherein the structural body is circularly symmetric and the plurality of means for securing are configured